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HA-1148 and HA-1149

c. 1890

SMITH-SAMPSON AND MILLER-MITCHELL DOUBLE HOUSES
Havre de Grace, Md.

These two brick duplexes are part of a row of five nearly identical double houses built in a vernacular Italianate style. Connected stylistically to the brick factory across the street, the dwellings originally housed workers from the factory in the 1890's when the factory manufactured shoes. Each duplex is two stories, four bays wide and four bays deep with a bracketed and modillioned cornice across the front, having decorative panels beneath it.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1149

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Miller-Mitchell Double House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

726/728 Fountain St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William A. Miller 726 Fountain St.

J. Frank Mitchell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Bessie Mitchell 264 Lewis St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md., 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

726/728 Fountain St., is a two story, four bay wide rectangular brick double house. Built in a vernacular Italianate style, the walls are laid in common bond. The duplex was built in c. 1890, the second one in a row of five identical detached dwellings of which four are standing today. Originally they housed workers employed in the shoe factory across the street. Each building, having a shallow front and side yard and a long back yard, faces north on Fountain St.

A four bay porch extends across the front elevation. First and second story windows, as well as those on the other elevations, contain 2/2 light double hung sash, within segmental arched openings; although the opening is arched, the sash is not. The windows have radiating brick arches above them and wide sills. Altered brick work and flat lintels indicate that the first floor windows, north bay, east and west elevation were added.

The main entrances are in the center bays front elevation. They are recessed segmental arches containing panel doors with glass in the upper half. The one light transomes above the doors are filled with wood. Other entrances are in the rear.

The houses have a flat roof with an impressive bracketed and modillioned Italianate cornice. The cornice displays a scalloped design, and between the cornice and lower cornice band are four long hexagonal panels pierced with Eastlake designs. Brick end chimneys rising from inside heating fireplaces are inside the front of the east and west walls.

Interior; Each house is one room across with a fireplace, having a slate mantle on the outer wall. Stairs are enclosed on the outer wall of the dining room and kitchen space is partially provided by the one story shed on the rear.

There are no outbuildings of note.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Miller-Mitchell and Smith-Sampson Double Houses, HA-1149 and Ha-1148 respectively, are vernacular Italianate style brick duplexes. They are part of a row of five nearly identical dwellings which were constructed c. 1890 as factory housing.

According to the Minutes of the Havre de Grace Council for August, 1889, there was an agreement between the mayor and council of Havre de Grace and John Faust and Son to construct a shoe factory at a cost of \$25,000. which would be exempt from city taxes for fifty years. The factory, having had many uses which have altered its appearance, stands today. Across the street from it are the sturdy brick duplexes which are believed to have been constructed at the same time to house some of the workers.

The houses are two stories high, four bays wide and four bays deep. They have segmentally arched fenestration, porches across the front and cornices which are modillioned and bracketed and have Eastlake style panels beneath them.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE **Marion Morton- Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION **Maryland Historical Trust**

DATE **April, 77**

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3930-W7600/7.5

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 5763 II SE SERIES V833

HA-1149



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726 / 728 Fountain St.
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N. Facade

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E. Elev.

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5/1977